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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: BENIN AT 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

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1. BENIN FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (SOGLO) TOLD US MAY 27 THAT BENINESE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT YET HAVE A CLEAR POSITION ON ISSUES TO BE TAKEN UP AT 63 INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC). HE SAID ALTHOUGH GVERNMENT OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BENIN (GPRB) FULLY AWARE OF CRITICAL NATURE OF THIS CONFERENCE IN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT U.S. WOULD WITHDRAW FROM BODY, GPRB STILL PREFERRED TO CONFER WITH OTHER MEMBERS IN GENEVA BEFORE REACHING A DECISION.

2. SOGLO REPORTED THAT BENINESE DELEGATION, WHOSE MEMBERS REMAIN TO BE CHOSEN, WILL BE LED BY PUBLIC WORKS AND LABOR MINISTER CAPTAIN ADOLPHE BIAOU (BEE-AH-OO).

3. FYI: ALTHOUGH THE GPRB HAS STRICTLY LIMITED OUR CONTACTS WITH MINISTRIES OTHER THAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ON THOSE OCCASIONS WHEN WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET WITH BIAOU HE HAS IMPRESSED US AS RELATIVELY MODERATE AND APPROACHABLE. THOMPSON

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